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Sir:

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Species Election Requirement mailed December 3, 2002, the period for response being extended one month to April 3, 2003, the following remarks are provided.

It is alleged that there are three patentably distinct species in the present application. Specifically, the three species are alleged to be: A) the species of Fig. 1; B) the species of Fig. 3; and C) the species of Fig. 4. An election of a single species for prosecution in the present application has been required along with all of the claims readable thereon.

To comply with this requirement, the species of Fig. 1 is elected for examination purposes of the present application. At least claims 1-30 and 37-48 are readable on the species of Fig. 1. Furthermore, claims 1, 24 and 37 are considered to be generic claims.

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Favorable consideration and an early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at 978-282-5915 to expedite examination of the present application.

In the event that any additional fees are necessary, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0896.

Respectfully submitted,  
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